UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 27, 1964

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Radiograms dated 5/21-22/64 from Atlanta indicate that Martin Luther King, Jr., is to be in San Francisco from May 28 to May 31, 1964. It was indicated that King and his party would probably stay at the Sheraton Palace Hotel while in San Francisco.

I spoke to SAC Lynum, San Francisco, 5/26/64 and told him that it was desired that coverage be afforded King during this current visit. SAC Lynum advised that San Francisco was considering what possible coverage could be given to King as had been handled by that office on a previous visit of King's in April, 1964. He stated that coverage would only be considered if complete and full security could be assured.

SAC Lynum stated that he would be in touch with the Bureau in connection with the efforts of the San Francisco office to effect coverage of King during this current visit.

ACTION:

For your information.

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1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Gurley
1 - Mr. Phillips

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It is noted that in rezirtel request is also made for authorization to pay [redacted] provided he is willing to aid the Bureau, $50 for his work which payment would also provide hotel accommodations for him. It is not clear as to what is involved relative to "hotel accommodations." In the future insure that requests for authorization to make payments in matters of this type contain full justifying information.

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